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SUBJ: PETROCHEMICALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - MAJOR PROJECTS

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1. IN INTERVIEW WITH DR ALFREDO RIVIERIE, EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL PETROCHEMICAL COUNCIL (CONIP) EMBASSY OFFICER WAS ADVISED THAT NO EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE US-VENEZUELAN PETROCHEMICAL EXECUTIVE VISIT SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENT'S MARCH 3 SPEECH TO THE CONGRESS.

2. RIVIERIE, WHO IS PRESIDENT PEREZ'S NEPHEW, PREDICTED THAT THERE WILL BE SOME PERSONNEL AND POLICY CHANGES ANNOUNCED AT THAT TIME WHICH WILL AFFECT PETROCHEMICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES. RIVIERIE, WHILE STILL EAGER FOR EXECUTIVE VISIT TO TAKE PLACE, SEES THIRD WEEK IN MARCH AS EARLIEST PROPITIOUS TIME FOR SCHEDULING EVENT.

3. REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW VENTURES IN PETROCHEMICAL FIELD, RIVIERIE CONFIRMED THAT AUTHORITY FOR THIS ENDEAVOR IS VESTED IN PETROVEN WITH CONIP DEVELOPING SUPPORTING PLANS AND POLICIES.

4. RIVIERIE SHOWED EMBASSY OFFICER DOCUMENT WHICH HE SAID DELINEATED PLANS AND PRIORITIES IN DEVELOPING PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY, BUT REFUSED TO RELEASE COPY UNTIL IT COULD BE SCREENED FOR INFORMATION WHICH GOV DOES NOT WISH TO RELEASE TO PUBLIC. RIVIERIE HAS PROMISED SCREENED

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VERSION OF PLANS SOON, BUT GAVE NO SPECIFIC DATE FOR

RELEASE.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN DETAILED DEVELOP-
MENT PLANS AND PRIORITYIES AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
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